



PASTOR'S LETTER

Lent will be here in just a few days. It's hard to fathom that it was 2 years ago in Lent that we canceled in-person and a lock-down began. During those initial months, we learned how to properly wash our hands for 20 seconds, and we began sanitizing everything. Cleanliness became big business, and it became hard to find good cleaning supplies.

But cleaning and sanitizing everything around us is not where we stop our cleaning. Our spirits also need a good cleaning as well. Lent is the time for our deep spiritual cleaning. We begin with ashes which mark our foreheads in the baptismal sign of the cross. These gritty ashes recall more than just our mortality. Ashes have long been an important ingredient of soap and can actually be substituted for soap as a cleansing agent. Paradoxically, the filthy smudge we wear shows our desire to come clean.

We cleanse our hearts the way we clean our homes and garages: by making a more conspicuous mess at first, sometimes becoming overwhelmed by the task, and always proceeding through the grace of God. We start our cleaning with the "Junk drawer" or closet. So, first we have to get all the stuff out in the open and spread it around to see just what we're dealing with. How did *this* get here? Why are we keeping *that*? Don't need *those* anymore! Better give those away! It's time to get rid of the dust and cobwebs before replacing anything.

Lent gives us a chance to get our spiritual house in order before participating in the Three Days (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter) of our baptismal passage out of slavery into freedom and new life. The scripture lessons during this season encourage us with the grace that is ours in Christ as we labor to clean up the messes we've made of things in our relationships with God, others and ourselves.

As March begins, we assess our lives and our homes in preparation for the Lenten spring cleaning. How will you respond to the Lord during this season?

Blessings,
Pastor Sandra

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[SPRING FORWARD: Daylight saving time 2022 in Texas will begin at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 13](#)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

DeWitt Atkinson, Frieda Atkinson, Pat Barham, Scott Dittloff, Peter Georgiev, Edna Hacker, Donald Leonard, Alice Little, Harry Miller, Faye Randow, Marion Schroeder, Lupe Udiales, Marta Yanez, Jess Young, and Our Military, particularly Christian Alaniz, Ozzie Alaniz, Jordan Bielfeldt, Michael Foglio, & all our veterans.

ART GROUP ON HIATUS: Due to the increase in COVID, the art group will not meet until further notice.



CAM DONATIONS FOR MARCH: canned vegetables, canned fruit, continuation of Soles for Souls

LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

This year we will not be holding the traditional Midweek Lenten services either in-person or online. Here is our schedule of worship services for Lent and Easter.

Ash Wednesday Service	March 2	Noon
Drive-thru ashes for those unable to make the service: 4:30 -6:00 pm		
Palm Sunday	April 10	10:00 am
Maundy Thursday Service	April 14	7:00 pm
Good Friday Service	April 15	Noon
Easter Sunday	April 17	10:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt		After worship

CANDY NEEDED FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

We will once again hold an Easter Egg hunt. Would you please consider donating bags of individually wrapped candies. They may be placed in the basket in the Narthex or brought to the church. Thank you.



EASTER LILIES

The Altar Guild adorns the narthex and altar with lilies at Easter. You may order plants and pick them up after the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday (April 17, 2022). The order forms will be on the piano in the narthex starting on the first Sunday in March.

“LEE DAY” IS COMING UP: CHURCH WORKDAY Saturday, March 26 from 8:00 am to Noon

It’s been awhile since we’ve had an official “Lee Day,” a workday named after Lee Beyer who was always at the church cleaning up leaves. However, we might really need to call it the “Lee & Bob Day” now. But it is time to have a workday at church again to spruce things up for Easter. There will be lots of leaves and trash to get cleaned up, but we always have few indoor jobs that need to be done as well if you don’t have the ability to do leaves. Come on out; as they say, “many hands make light work.” Please bring any equipment and supplies to help with the work.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DRIVE

Do you have medical equipment lying around or in storage that you don’t need anymore? Then bring it to church and we will have it picked up by Project Mend. Project Mend takes your used medical equipment, refurbishes it, and then gives it to someone in need. Sometimes that is to someone local or in a developing country.

Items that are in high demand right now

- Wheelchairs
- Rollators
- tub transfer benches
- power chairs
- medical hospital beds.

If you have any items you would like to get out of your house, bring them either to the church narthex or the office. (If you are donating a power chair or hospital bed, please contact the church office at 210-696-1194 to make special arrangements first.)



**MARCH
CELEBRATIONS**



Birthdays:

Lynn Randow, 3/1
Emerson Vetter 3/2
Erin Giles, 3/6
Gilbert Laubach, 3/9
Pat Guelker 3/10
Betty Nelson, 3/15

David Warner, 3/18
Jaxon Dersheid 3/19
Lucy Hemerly, 3/21
Kalea Adams 3/23
Steve Aronstein 3/25
Elysse Gonzales-Hemerly, 3/29

Anniversaries:
None

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE: Thank you for all you do! You are much appreciated!

	Readers	PowerPoint	Tellers	Altar Guild		
MAR 6	Elizabeth Miller	Kirsten Mangin	Karen Forse & Roberta Hanes	MAR 2	Peggy Thackston	ASH WEDNESDAY Communion/Ashes
MAR 13	Marcus Trejo	Katie Winter	Karen Long & Jenifer Larson	MAR 6	Kirsten Mangin	PURPLE/LENT 10 am Communion
MAR 20	Eva Poblano		Linda Johnson & Roger Mathre	MAR 13	Jan Kinnunen	PURPLE/LENT 10 am Communion
MAR 27	Brian Winter	Julie Rowe	Paige Vetter & Julie Rowe	MAR 20	Rey and Margret Gutierrez	PURPLE/LENT 10 am Communion
				MAR 27	Peggy Thackston	PURPLE/LENT 10 am Communion
This Month's Communion Assistant is Dick Thackston				This month's usher is Mandy Winter		



The newest edition of the
Christ in Our Home
devotional is available in the church narthex. You can also
stop by the office in Luther House to pick one up.

To anyone wishing to donate to the Cross Trails Ministry event on the next page by simply sending a check...

Please mail your check to:
Cross Trails Ministry
391 Upper Turtle Creek Rd
Kerrville, TX 78028

Please include "Gift of Faith Gala" in your check's memo.
Feel free to reach out to Jessica Pina, Outreach Director, with any questions you may have!
jessica@crosstrails.org, 830-257-6340



Help us raise funds to keep camp affordable for all and make sure no one misses out because of the cost!

This year's Gift of Faith Gala will be held as a hybrid event. There will be a gathering at Ebert Ranch where tickets can be pre-purchased online for the in-person event that will take place on Sat., 3/12/22 from 5-9 pm.

There will be great food, music, entertainment, live and silent auctions, and safe fellowship. You are invited to come and enjoy a wonderful time while you help to keep camp affordable for everyone!

If you cannot join us for our in-person event, we want to invite you to participate from the comfort of your home.

Our silent auction and other fundraising opportunities will be held online at GiftofFaith22.givesmart.com beginning March 5th!

How You Can Participate

- Register to Participate: Everyone is welcome to participate in our online event! You can bid on items, vote in the Who Would You Rather game, buy raffle tickets, and donate from home by registering for free.
- Become a Sponsor: Event sponsorships help us to cover the overhead expenses of the event. They are a wonderful way for you, your business, or your congregation, to contribute greatly to the Gala's success. Our grateful thanks will be shared at the Gala, in the Gala program, and in our post gala news releases. Those who wish to remain anonymous will also be honored as such. Click the button below for more information!
- Purchase a Ticket: We would love for you to join us in person at Ebert Ranch!
- Auction Donations: The live and silent auctions are key to the success of the Gala and your donations are needed! Large items such as trips, tickets, dinners, and artwork are greatly appreciated. All items with a starting value of \$50 are welcome. Select items will be put on our in-person live auction. We will be collecting items till March 2nd. Please

fill out the following form with your donation and item information:

Contact our Outreach Director, Jessica Pina, at jessica@crosstrails.org or 830-257-6340 to make arrangements for your donation.

[2022 Gala Auction Item Donation](#)

You can register, become a sponsor, purchase a ticket, or give to our auction by clicking the link below!


[Visit our GiveSmart Page](#)

Click the button below and scroll down to "Donate Now" to make a monetary donation today!

[Donate Now](#)



MARCH 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
			Ash Wednesday; service at noon, and drive- through ashes from 4:30-6:00 p.m.			
		1	2	3	4	5
		ADULT BIBLE STUDY in the quilting room at 8:00 a.m.				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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portal. Visit

<https://www.sacrd.org/MentalHealth/>
to find services to meet your needs.

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